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TROFIMOFF SENTENCED TO LIFE ON SPY CHARGES

Tampa - U.S. District Court Judge Susan C. Bucklew today sentenced George Trofimoff to life in federal prison.

In June of this year a jury found Trofimoff guilty on charges that he engaged in a 25-year-long conspiracy to sell classified military intelligence information to the Soviet Union. The trial included testimony from former KGB officers, as well as retired and current U.S. Army officers, some having attained the rank of General. The prosecution presented approximately six hours of video taped evidence that showed Trofimoff meeting with an undercover FBI agent who was posing as a KGB officer.

Trofimoff held the rank of Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve and in his civilian job he was in charge of the U.S. Army Element at the Joint Interrogation Center in Nuernberg, Germany where he worked from 1969 through 1994. There, Trofimoff had access to classified national defense documents which included Soviet and Warsaw Pact Orders of Battle detailing the United States' current state of knowledge of Soviet and Warsaw Pact military organizations and capabilities, and which he sold to the Soviet Union.

United States Attorney Mac Cauley praised the efforts of the investigative and trial team that worked for eight years putting this case together and stated, "In recent weeks it has become abundantly clear that our nation's security is the number one priority. The

selling of secrets that could put our national security at risk is a terrible crime and it deserves harsh punishment. The U.S. Government is committed to finding those individuals who betray our trust and bringing them to justice.”

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the United States Army Intelligence and Security Command, and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Walter E. Furr and Laura A. Ingersoll, Senior Trial Attorney of the Internal Security Section of the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C.